Newsletter

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Golden Children

Nursery: Haleema W and Haseeb M
Reception: Zainab W and Musa W
Year 1: Muhammad Bin J and Aiyva A
Year 2: Eesa T and Maryam P
Year 3: Lilly B and Kauthar N
Year 4: Zunaira N and Rumaysaa S
Year 5: Ayesha T and Alan S
Year 6: Zain H and Aliza C

Diary Dates

20.11.2024 – Parent and Toddler Group
25.11.2024 – Design Technology week
27.11.2024 – Parent and Toddler Group
04.12.2024 – Parent and Toddler Group
10.12.2024 – Parent Progress Meetings
11.12.2024 – Parent and Toddler Group
17.12.2024 – Reception Nativity
19.12.2024 – Christmas Dinner
19.12.2024 – Christmas Jumper
19.12.2024 – Christmas Parties
20.12.2024 – School closes at 2pm
06.01.2025 – School opens for Spring term

Compassion

Our school value for this half term is 'Compassion'. Our quote for this half term is ***"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you"*** Ephesians 4:32. It would really help if you could follow this up with your children at home and talk to them about what courage means.

St Thomas'

St Thomas''Privacy Notice' (How we use pupil information) is now available to view **HERE** in the 'Parents' section.

Winning Planet Team

The winning team this week is Saturn.

Time Beaters

Well-done to Year 5 VKD class.

Attendance Award

Well done to Year 3MB
class with 99.3% attendance.

Nut Allergies

We have an increasing number of pupils in our school who have nut allergies. Anaphylaxis (allergic reaction) can occur as a result of **digestion, inhalation** or **any other contact** with nut-based products. We kindly ask that all packed lunches and break times snacks do not include nuts or products that may contain traces of nuts. We understand this may cause some inconvenience but I am sure you agree the safety of all children is paramount.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this matter.



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Attendance

Please see the table below for school's attendance figures.

RDB	91.70%
RAMc	93.00%
1AH	96.00%
1SM	94.70%
2SWd	99.00%
2LB	91.40%
3MB	99.30%
3LD	88.70%
4SW	91.30%
4SP	95.00%
5VKD	99.00%
5KM/JB	98.00%
6DR/JM	90.70%
6HU	90.00%

The Great Lancashire Debate

In recent weeks we shared the fabulous news that St Thomas' debating team won the Great Lancashire Debate for the Blackburn area. Next week they are off the Preston to deliver their speech for the final of the Great Lancashire Debate.

The judges stated "we were impressed by your passionate delivery, your well researched topic, and how you used props and different areas around your school to help convey your message."

I am certain that you join us in wishing the debating team good luck for the final competition.

Cinema Trip

The year 3, 4 and 5 children enjoyed a free trip to the local cinema this week. The children had a fabulous time and as always, represented school well with their exemplary behaviour and impeccable manners. Thank you to all of the class teachers who worked hard to organise the trip and to Vue cinema in Blackburn for the complementary tickets.

Parents and Toddlers

St Thomas' would like to welcome all parents and toddlers to our weekly sessions. This is a chance for parents to meet with other parents and to bring their toddlers along to play and develop critical skills. If you are interested ring the office to book a place.

Date: Every Wednesday
Venue: School Hall
Time: 10.00 – 11.30 am
Cost: £1.50

Parent Progress Meetings Years 1 to 6

Following the Autumn Term Assessments, we are holding Parent Progress Meetings. This meeting gives a chance to understand the format of the tests, your child's results and next stages to help your child develop in various areas of Reading, Maths and Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling. During the meeting, you will be provided with information stating your child's achievements and how we can work together to further develop your child's progress.

Meetings will take place:
Date: Tuesday 10th December
Time: 3.30 – 4.00pm or 4.00pm – 4.30pm

Please note: This is not a 1:1 parent meeting with your child's teacher, 1:1 meetings will take place in the Spring term.

Please log onto Parent Pay and book the relevant time allocation with your child/ren's class teacher to attend the meeting. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

School Admissions

The school admissions process is now live. All applications are submitted online at www.blackburn.gov.uk/admissions. Blackburn with Darwen admission team contact details are 01254 666605 and admisson@blackburn.gov.uk. If you require any assistance, please ring the school office who will be more than happy to help you. Please remember, if your child attends our St Thomas' Nursery, you do not automatically get a place in Reception class, you will need to complete an application as detailed above.

If you are interested in a Nursery place for your child please speak to the school office so that your child's name can be added to the list.

The deadline dates for all applications are set out below:
Reception Class Admissions – 15th January 2025
Nursery Class Admissions – 19th January 2025

Physical Geography Photography Competition

Don't forget about our competition! Have you submitted your entry yet? Please send all photographs via email to: office@stthomasblackburn.org with the subject: "Physical Geography Competition - Child's Name". The competition will run from 20th September until 6th January 2024.

